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1. ~~5 OCT~~ DISCUSSED MERTEN STORY WITH HAMBURGER ECHO CHIEF
~~EDITOR HANS HENRICH.~~ HE VERY CAREFUL CHOOSING HIS WORDS. HE
CLAIMED RAN STORY BECAUSE OF CONNECTION TO CURRENT MARBACH CASE
IN KIEL, AND STORY ALSO DESIGNED FORCE GREEKS MAKE LONG DELAYED
TURN-OVER MERTEN FILES TO GERMAN AUTHORITIES SO MERTEN COULD CLEAR
NAME BEFORE GERMAN COURT. EDITOR DISCLAIMED ANY INTENT SHOOT AT
GLOBKE OR GREEKS. HE ADMITTED HE HAD NOT SEEN ALLEGED PHOTO
OF MERTEN WITH "UNCLE CONSTANTINE" BUT INSISTED HE KNEW IT
~~MERTEN~~ EXISTED. SAID STORY WRITTEN BY ~~KLAUS MENZEL, ECHO STAFFER WHO SAW IT~~
~~SOCIAL DEMOCRAT BUNDSTAG DEPUTY WALTER MENZEL, based partly on material supplied~~
~~BY MERTEN'S LAWYER POSSE~~. ABOVE

O.K. PASS [Greek Official]

2. FYI, EDITOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE HAD
DOCUMENTARY PROOF COLLABORATION "THESE GREEKS" WITH GERMAN
OCCUPATION, SUCH AS RECEIPTS FOR PAYMENTS.

3. FYI. AS YOU KNOW, WE PROVIDING [Greek Press] WITH BACKGROUND
MATERIAL ON POSSE AND SOME NEUTRALIST AND COMMUNIST FRONT

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ELEMENTS POSSE IN TOUCH WITH. HOWEVER AS YET NO HARD EVIDENCE,
B, Merten story result
DESPITE UPHILL SPECULATION REF ~~(PR TN GBLD)~~ INXXXXXXZEXRXXXXXXINXXXXXX
COMMUNIST INPIRIED PLOT. HEINEMANN, POSSE AND THEIR FRIENDS
UNDoubtedly WELCOMED CHANCE SHOOT AT ~~(PR TN GBLD)~~ ADENAUER
Government and at Rightist Greek

GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER PLAUSIBLE CASE CAN BE MADE FOR THEORY THAT
MAIN REASONS FOR SURFACING STORY WERE MERTEN'S ANGER AT GERMAN
AND GREEK AUTHORITIES, DESIRE RESTORE REPUTATION, AND FACT MAKES
EXCELLENT COPY IN VIEW OF CURRENT MARBACH CASE WHICH LATEST OF
NUMBER "WAR CRIMINALS" EXPOSED IN SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN GOVERNMENT
IN RECENT MONTHS. SINCE MOST OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMINALS CONNECTED
WITH CDU GOVERNMENT AND RIGHTIST PARTIES, ISSUE IS NATURAL FOR
SPD AND THEY TRYING TO MAKE MOST OF IT. ABOVE FOR YOUR BACKGROUND
USE IN DISCUSSING CASE WITH [Greek Official-1].

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